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ABSTRACT

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A cutting unit (1) for trimming sheet material (44) such as paper, films, or the like, comprises a planar bed (33) for supporting the sheet material (44). A rotary cutting device (34) has a knife carriage (36) displaceable on a guide bar (35) and a circular knife (39) rotatably mounted thereon. The guide bar (35) is raisable from a lower cutting position into an upper initial position, and lowerable from the latter back into the cutting position. The gap between bed (33) and guide bar (35) is inaccessible from the ends of the guide bar (35).